

**INTERNSHIP AT ROYAL TOMBS OF SIPAN MUSEUM
REGISTRATION AND CATALOGING
LAMBAYEQUE**

INTRODUCTION

The Museum Royal Tombs of Sipan is located on the outskirts of the city of Chiclayo, in the northern coastal province of Lambayeque, on a 7 hectare plot. It resembles a truncated pyramid composed of five prisms which are laid diagonally and bare replicas of the royal standards of the Tomb of the Lord of Sipan. It was inaugurated in 2002, and is one of the most sophisticated museums in South America. The museum, a 3 ha. building exhibits the most important archaeological remains of the Mochica Culture, in an exceptional exhibition that combines scientific accuracy and security to show the moche jewels, emblems and ornaments.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

In funerary practices of the Moche culture, they buried their leader with ceremonial clothing and royal ornaments. Animals including llamas and dogs, as well as people were sacrificed to accompany the Lord, symbolizing their complex religious beliefs and social organization. Many of these bone pieces are in urgent need of conservation and a proper storage system.

The intern will work in the registration, cataloguing, conservation and storage of the bone collection, which includes fragments of human and animal bones that were found in different tombs.

STAGE ONE – 30 DAYS

Analysis of the bone collection. Documentation and photographic record of the bone collection. Superficial and chemical cleaning of the pieces.

STAGE TWO – 30 DAYS

Conservation treatment which includes applying protection layers to all pieces. Proceed to proper packing, storage and maintenance.

NUMBER OF INTERNS, DATES AND TIME PERIOD

One (1) intern for 2 months, from July 5 to August 31, 2005

Working schedule: Monday through Fridays from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm and from 2:30 to 6:00 pm, Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

MATERIALS

To be determined.

SUPERVISION

Project supervisor will be Luis Chero Zurita, archaeologist in charge of the conservation, museography and investigation areas.

COSTS

The Museum will provide in-kind support and lodging for the intern.

The American Embassy will provide the materials needed for the internship and up to \$ 300 total for M&I per participant for the time period.

The University or student should provide other costs such as roundtrip international tickets to Lima and in-country tickets to Chiclayo, and meals and incidentals.

APPLICANTS

Applicants must be Spanish-speaking American citizens in a graduate program in Museum studies, with an emphasis on marketing.